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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Juvenile Justice - Intensive Case Monitor Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Intensive Case Monitor Pilot Program in the
4 Department of Juvenile Justice in a certain number of counties selected by the
5 Department; requiring the Department to select the children under its
6 supervision who shall participate in the Program; establishing the purpose of
7 the Program; establishing the role and duties of an intensive case monitor;
8 requiring the Department to recruit monitors from among certain individuals;
9 authorizing certain individuals to serve as monitors; prohibiting a monitor from
10 working more than a certain number of hours weekly; prohibiting the
11 Department from assigning more than a certain number of children to a
12 monitor; providing for the supervision of a monitor; providing for the funding of
13 the Program; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations;
14 requiring the Department to submit yearly reports to the Governor and the
15 General Assembly; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
16 relating to the Intensive Case Monitor Pilot Program in the Department of
17 Juvenile Justice.

18 BY adding to
19 Article 83C - Juvenile Justice
20 Section 2-137
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
24 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

25 **Article 83C - Juvenile Justice**

26 2-137.

27 (A) (1) THERE IS A DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE INTENSIVE CASE
28 MONITOR PILOT PROGRAM IN NOT MORE THAN THREE COUNTIES IN THE STATE
29 SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

1 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT THE CHILDREN IN THOSE
2 COUNTIES WHO ARE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND WHO
3 SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

4 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALIZED
5 SUPPORT SERVICES TO A CHILD:

6 (1) TO HELP THE CHILD BECOME PRODUCTIVELY INVOLVED IN SCHOOL
7 OR THE WORKPLACE; AND

8 (2) TO DECREASE THE LIKELIHOOD OF FURTHER DELINQUENT
9 BEHAVIOR.

10 (C) (1) TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT
11 SHALL HIRE INTENSIVE CASE MONITORS WHO SHALL:

12 (I) ASSESS EACH CHILD'S SITUATION; AND

13 (II) PROVIDE A VARIETY OF INDIVIDUALIZED SUPPORT SERVICES
14 THROUGH FREQUENT CONTACT WITH THE CHILD.

15 (2) THE SUPPORT SERVICES MAY INCLUDE:

16 (I) INFORMAL COUNSELING;

17 (II) TUTORING;

18 (III) ASSISTING THE CHILD WITH LIFE SKILLS TRAINING;

19 (IV) TRANSPORTING THE CHILD TO APPOINTMENTS;

20 (V) HELPING THE CHILD PREPARE FOR JOB INTERVIEWS;

21 (VI) INTERACTING WITH THE CHILD'S TEACHER OR EMPLOYER, IF
22 NECESSARY; AND

23 (VII) PROVIDING SIMILAR RESOURCES TO HELP THE CHILD BECOME
24 PRODUCTIVELY INVOLVED IN SCHOOL OR THE WORKPLACE.

25 (3) AN INTENSIVE CASE MONITOR SHALL CONTACT THE CHILD DAILY
26 OR EVERY OTHER DAY, IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE.

27 (4) AN INTENSIVE CASE MONITOR SHALL REPORT ANY MISBEHAVIOR OR
28 VIOLATIONS OF LAW BY THE CHILD TO THE DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR.

29 (D) (1) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RECRUIT INTENSIVE CASE
30 MONITORS FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN IMPROVING THE LIVES OF
31 CHILDREN.

32 (II) INTENSIVE CASE MONITORS MAY INCLUDE RETIRED
33 INDIVIDUALS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS.

1 (2) AN INTENSIVE CASE MONITOR MAY NOT WORK MORE THAN 19
2 HOURS WEEKLY.

3 (3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ASSIGN MORE THAN FOUR CHILDREN
4 TO AN INTENSIVE CASE MONITOR.

5 (4) A FULL-TIME DEPARTMENT CASE WORKER SHALL SUPERVISE THE
6 INTENSIVE CASE MONITOR.

7 (E) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED BY THE EXISTING BUDGET OF THE
8 DEPARTMENT.

9 (F) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE
10 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

11 (G) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
12 SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM AND ANY FINDINGS AND
13 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO §2-1246 OF THE STATE
14 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 3 months and, at
17 the end of December 31, 2006, with no further action required by the General
18 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.